REMARKS

In view of the following remarks, reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

It is noted that claims 14-21 remain pending in this application.

Claims 15, 17 and 20 have been indicated as containing allowable subject matter in paragraph 2 on page 3 of the Office action.

Claims 14, 16, 18, 19 and 21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Hwang et al. (USPN: 7,710,841), hereinafter "Hwang", for the reasons contained in paragraph 1 on page 2 of the Office action. This rejection is respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons.

The Applicants appreciate the courtesy extended by Primary Examiner Aristotelis Psitos for conducting an interview with the Applicants' Representative on June 30, 2011. During the interview, Applicants' representative presented arguments distinguishing independent claim 14 over the Hwang reference. As reflected on the Interview Summary form (PTOL-413), agreement was reached with the Examiner that the prior art reference does not disclose each and every limitation recited in claim 14. Included in the remarks below is a statement of the substance of the interview.

Independent claim 14 of the present application recites, *inter alia*, the structure information is arranged in a last cluster of each data structure. Similarly, independent claims 16, 18, 19 and 21 recite, *inter alia*, the structure information is arranged in a last cluster among clusters of the data structure. Figure 8 of the present application depicts one example of such feature recited in independent claims 14, 16, 18, 19 and 21.

It is submitted that the Hwang reference fails to disclose or suggest the aforementioned features recited in independent claims 14, 16, 18, 19 and 21 . Particularly, it is submitted that the Hwang reference fails to disclose or suggest structure information arranged in a last cluster of the data structure.

Specifically, the Hwang reference discloses that the temporary defect management area (TDMA) includes temporary disc definition structures (TDDS) [see column 5 (lines 60-62)]. As shown in Figure 8 of the Hwang reference, the TDDS includes pointer information that indicates the location of a temporary defect list (TDFL) [see column 10 (lines 4-5)]. Moreover, as described in column 10 (lines 9-12), the recording of the TDDS that includes the pointer information of a TDFL is always after the recording of the TDFL since the pointer information is not determined until the locations of TDFL are determined.

Thus, the Hwang reference discloses that the recording of the TDDS is "temporally" after the recoding of the TDFL (i.e., TDDS recorded after TDFL with respect to time). At best, the Hwang reference discloses that the TDDS is recorded in the TDMA [see column 10 (lines 22-23)]. However, the Hwang reference fails to disclose or suggest that the TDDS is arranged in a last cluster of the data structure (TDMS).

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that the Hwang reference fails to disclose or suggest each and every limitation recited in independent claims 14, 16, 18, 19 and 21 of the present application.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the present application is clearly allowable and the Examiner is kindly requested to promptly pass this case to issuance.

In the event, however, that the Examiner has any comments or suggestion of a nature necessary to place this case in condition for allowance, then the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the Applicant's representatives to expedite allowance of this application.

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